

Remarks

I. Status and Nature of the Invention

Claims 5-8, 11-14, 16-20 and 23-53 are pending. Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner's determination that claim 5 is generic and allowable and that claims drawn to non-elected species of claim 5 are no longer withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants further appreciate the Examiners determination that claims 5, 11-14, 16-20, 23-37 and 41-53 are Allowed, and that claims 7, 8, 39 and 40 would be allowable if claims 6 and 38 were revised to address the rejection pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph discussed below.

Applicants have amended claims 6, 11 and 38 in order to correct obvious typographical errors, and to more clearly describe Applicants' invention. No new matter has been added by any of the requested amendments.

II. The Rejections to Claims 6 and 38 Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 6 and 38 have been rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite in light of their recitations of "glutathione," "glycopyranossidase," "v-thrompin" and "γ-GT," and in light of the redundant recitation of cholinesterase in the claims.

Applicants have amended these claims to correct the spelling of *glycopyranosidase*, and to delete reference to "v-thrompsin" and "glutathione." Applicants have additionally amended these claims to recite that the term γ-GT refers to γ-glutamyl transpeptidase. Support for the art-recognized equivalency of these terms can be found, for example, on page 21 of the present specification, in Lucas, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,698,411 (please see

column 23, lines 2-4 and Table 1 at columns 15-16), and at
<http://health.allrefer.com/health/gamma-glutamyl-transpeptidase-info.html>.

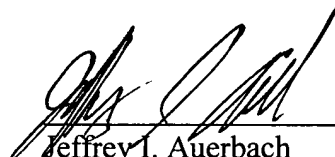
Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 6 and 38 pursuant to the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite may now be properly withdrawn.

III. Concluding Remarks

Having now fully responded to all outstanding rejections and objections, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for Allowance, and earnestly solicit early notice of such favorable action. The Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned with respect to any issues regarding this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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